SAYS HE DIDN'T.

John Smith Makes Another Announcement.

Now Denies That He is the Murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

His Confession of a Week Ago, He Says, Made Under Great Duress—He Also De-nies Knowledge of Having Confessed Committing the Terrible Crime.

AKRON, O., April 16 .- One week ago Wednesday Romulus Cotell, alias John Smith, made the startling announcement that he had wilfully murdered Alvin A. Stone and wife and Ira F. Stillson. Wednesday he made another announcement, which, although not quite so startling, has caused excitement. He said to the United Press cor-respondent at noon Wednesday that he and his father. Jealousy was the did not commit the murder, and that cause of the deed. made was done without any knowledge of his, whatever. He further stated he was positive that he would be released at the end of the trial, and that no jury of competent men would be impanelled who would bring in a ver dict of guilty against him. He says he knows nothing whatever of having made a confession, and further states that he never has yet told any one that he had committed the murders. Cotell made the above statement to the United Press correspondent during a conversa tion while the prisoner was cating his

This announcement by the prisoner is causing no end of talk among attorneys and officials. It has leaked out sion now in the hands of the prosecutor under great duress, and that he was not himself when he made the state-

To Prosecute Gen. Bartleri. ROME, April 16.-Signor Bacci, military state attorney, has started for Massowah to prosecute Gen. Bartieri, late governor of Crythera and com-mander in-chief of the Italian forces in Abyssinia.

Ohlo Military Park. WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The senate Wednesday passed the bill appropriating \$17,000 for acquiring burial grounds at Fort Meigs and Put-in Bay Island, O., and the interment of the bodies of soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812.

Passed Over Two Vetoes. ALBANY, N. Y., April 16.—The senate Wednesday passed the Greater New York bill over the vetoes of Mayor

Wednesday passed the vetoes of Mayor

White Stock, which is placed selected by the government of the Chief and States for alleged illegal sealing. The nesday near Geneva, eight miles treaty provides that each government west of this city Seventeen cars shall appoint one commissioner and if were piled up in a mass. En Strong, of New York, and Mayor Wuster, of Brooklyn. The house will probably do likewise.

Neat Mixtures in Cassimeres.

JEALOUS HUSBAND.

Nilled His Wife and Then Ended His Own
Life With a Bullet.

New York, April 16.—Frederick Merrick, son of a wealthy resident of St.
Louis, and who for two years has been a salesman with the Gorham Jewelry Co., Nineteenth and Broadway, in nesday morning and then ended his own life with a bullet. The tragedy occurred in their flat in the Bellaire building, 79 South Fifth street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Merrick was shot three times, twice in the head and once through the heart. The young hus-band then stepped before a mirror in an adjoining room, placed the pistol to his own right temple and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous in each instance. The shooting occurred in the presence of their five-year-old son Freddie, who had left his own bed early in the morning and crawled in alongside

Damaged by a Windstorm.

FAULKTON, S. D., April 16.—A terrible windstorm passed to the west and north of this place. The houses of John Gabler and E. F. Evans, about fifteen miles northeast of here, were blown down and the barns of John Price and George Rice. The members of the Evans family are all more or less injured, some of them quite severely. No fatal-Ities are yet reported.

The Joke Marriage Holds Good.
CHICAGO, April 16.—Judge Brentano
decided Wednesday that he could not annul the joke marriage of Effie M. Heller, a 17-year-old daughter of prominent Chicago people, who eloped to Milwaukee with Frederick W. Heller, that the prisoner's attorneys will set up a claim that Cotell made the confes- admitted that the ceremony was not intended to be serious.

Ed. Pardridge Critically Ill.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Ed. Pardridge, the board of trade millionaire plunger, aided by a land force. who has been lying ill with kidney disease at his Prairie avenue residence for a week, is worse than at any time since he was compelled to retire from the wheat pit. Wednesday night he was reported to be slightly improved, but his recovery is doubted.

New Daily for Paducah.
PADUCAH, Ky., April 16.—Papers
were forwarded to Frankfort Wednesday afternoon to incorporate the new newspaper company which is to pub lish the Daily Register. Leigh Bros. & Wilhelm own the stock, which is placed

WASHINGTON, April 16. — Mary Thompkins was appointed postmistress at Meyers, Erie county, O., Thursday.

FIERE FIGHT.

Insurgents and Troops Meet Near Pozo Redondo.

this city, shot and killed his wife Wed- A Hand to Hand Encounter Ended the Engagement.

Rebels Fought Desperately With Machetes
—Six Guerillas Killed in a Fight Noar
Matanzas and Eleven in the Vicinity
of San Antonio de Las Vegas.

HAVANA, April 16 .- Col. Pintos reports that his command had a fight with, a party of insurgents under Masso near Pozo Redondo, in the Havana province. The engagement terminated in a hand to hand encounter, in which the rebels fought desperately with machetes. The result, according to Col. Pintos reports, was that the rebels lost ten killed while the government force had only one man wounded.

A party of guerillas, while foraging near Matanzas, encountered a superior force of the enemy and a battle fol-lowed in which six of the guerillas were killed and one was wounded. The column commanded by Lieut. Col. Navarro came to the assistance of the guerillas and the combined government forces routed the rebels.

A band of 14 guerillas while on a foraging expedition in the vicinity of San Antonio de Las Vegas, in the province of Havana, was surprised by a party of rebels 1,000 strong under the leader Castillos. They made a brave defense, but only three of their number escaped, ten being killed and one wounded. It is said that Lieut, Col. Debos and Capt. Forasbe have been promoted for their valor in the recent battle near Lichieu. It is reported that some of Maceo's forces made an attack upon the Trocha near the south of the line Tuesday, but were compelled to retire by the gun- out of the resolution providing for the boat Almendares and the launch Dardo election of managers of the soldiers'

RATIFIED.

Washington, April 16.—After discussion of a little more than half an hour. the senate Wednesday afternoon in executive session ratified the treaty between the United States and Great Britain providing for the appointment Two Killed and Three Injured Near Mead of a commission to assess the damages alleged to have been sustained by Canadian sealers whose vessels were seized by the government of the United they can not agree, the president of the Swiss republic is to select a third. The commission as provided for in the original treaty, was to sit at Vancouver, but an amendment was asserted that the commission shall also be allowed to sit in San Francisco. The only ture-and even that is said to be unimportant-is the expunging of the word "award" from the text of the convention where reference is made to the proceedings of the Paris tribunal, this government contending that the St. Louis convention: Electors-at-large Paris tribunal did not make any award -Samuel H. Cash, O. S. Deming. Delon the question of damages; that it egates-at-large - W. J. Deboe, A went even further and refused to con- R. Burnham, Lew H. Tarlton, S. E. sider that question at all. Otherwise the treaty is assigned by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Olney.

AMENDMENTS

To the Mine Workers of America's Consti-

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—The United Mine Workers of America Wednesday amended their constitution so as to fix the date of the annual convention on the second Tuesday in January instead of April, and that the nominations for national officers must be sent to the national secretary not later than two months before the national convention. A motion to spend more money in organizing West Virginia was referred to the executive board.

A resolution was adopted setting forth that the uniformity contract agreement in the Pittsburgh district had failed for want of signatures of a sufficient number of operators, and that as it is the evident intention of those who refused to sign to cut wages, their movements be watched and any attempt to cut wages, promptly and fairly resisted.

EX-CONGRESSMAN VOORHIS

Commits Suicide on Account of Despond-

ency and Poverty.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 16.—ExCongressman Charles H. Voorhis, a
well-known lawyer, shot himself in his office Wednesday night through despondency and poverty. He was a congressman from Bergen county in 1880 and was president of the Bergen county bank and the Hackensack Savings bank. While he was in congress these banks failed for \$2,000,000. He was indicted, but not until he was saved by the statue of limitation. He leaves a lish Twill, French Thibets, Homespun, Vicuna and the newest things widow, a son and two daughters.

> Brig Leonora Salis.
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> WILMINGTON, Del., April 16.—The brig Leonora, Capt. Monroe, which cleared from Philadelphia on April 9 for Lisbon and which has been lying cff Newcastle since Friday last, is reported to have sailed Wadnesday afterported to have sailed Wednesday afternoon or evening, and that 12 men, who are supposed to be Cubans, reached Newcastle Wednesday.

KNOXVII.L. arenn., April 16.—Strong resolutions there adopted endorsing McKinley for president. Jesse L. Rogers and J. Baker were indorsed for district delegates and E. J. Sanford and H. Clay Evans for delegates at a Weight was named for

JOHN P. DAVIS,

Prominent Farmer, Who Disappeared From His Home, Located Near Georgetown.

Nicholasville, Ky., April 16.—John P. Davis, a prominent farmer aged 55 years, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in this county three weeks ago, was located at Georgetown, Ky., Wednesday night, and members of the missing man's family left for that city to induce him to return home. Davis left on account of financial troubles, it is said. A letter was received from Georgetown Tuesday night stating that Davis had just arrived there and had engaged a room at the hotel and registered under an assumed name, and that he intended leaving in the morning. The man's whereabouts since his disappearance is a mystery.

AN ILLICIT STILL

Discovered in the Residence of a Promi-

neat Citizen of Newport, Ky. Newport, Ky., April 16.—United States secret service officers in Newport caught a prominent citizen dead to rights with an illiest still in his resi dence Thursday morning.

William Westermeyer, of the northeast corner of Elm and Patterson, resides in the house where the still was found.

United States Deputy Clerk A. Lidely, of the revenue service, was sworn in as a secret service man and raided the house. There he found a still to make 20 gallons and several barrels of wine and whisky stored on the prem-

United States officers are on the track of Westerman and he will be arrested

SOLDIERS' HOMES. Messrs. Steel, Franklin, Beal and T. J. Hen-

derson Elected Managers.
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The house Thursday, by a vote of 55 to 130, refused to strike Gen. Franklin's name

homes. A vote of yeas and nays was then ordered. The vote by yeas and nays on the

Treaty Between the United States and motion to strike Gen. Franklin's name England in Regard to Settlement of Seal out of the list of board of managers of Fishery Disputes. | national soldiers' homes was: Yeas 61, navs 149. The resolution naming Gens Franklin, Steel, Beal and T. J. Henderson was then passed.

FREIGHT WRECK.

ville, Pa.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 16 .- The third section of Eric freight train No. 82 was derailed shortly before noon Wedgineer Patrick Kerr and Brakeman Trowley were killed. Engineer Mc-Farland is probably fatally injured and Fireman Elmer Bush and A. M. Wier badly bruised. All the trainmen reside in this city. Seven cars are completely demolished, and the total damage is other amendment of an important na- estimated at \$7,000. The train was a "double-header."

Bradley and Gold.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 16.-The republican state convention Thursday seleeted the following delegates for the Smith (colored). They are instructed to vote for Gov. Wm. O. Bradley until his name is withdrawn; then for Wm. McKinley. The resolutions regard the gold dollar as the best, favors protection and sympathizes with the Cubans. Well Known Cartoonist Dead.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Baron Constantine de Grimm, the well known car-toonist, died shortly after noon Thursday at his residence in this city. He suffered from pneumonia and a complication of kidney diseases. The baron was born in Germany about forty years ago, and was well known in newspaper

A Duel Imminent.

LONDON, April 16 .- The Standard Thursday says that a duel is imminent between the sons of Count von Kotze and Baron von Schrader, arising out of the quarrel between their fathers which resulted in the recent death of Baron von Schrader, from the effects of a wound received in a duel with von Kotze. Lieuts. Daniels and Dory Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- Lieuts. Danels and Dory stationed at San Francisco, against whom charges were pre ferred in the revenue marine service in connection with Capt. Healey, have been acquitted by the treasury depart-

New West Virginia Postmasters. WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The follow ing West Virginia postmasters were appointed Thursday: Redmund, J. W. Gillespie; Ashley, Austin McCormick; Elmod, Thomas W. Burke; Wick, N. H. Morris; Union Mills, Mary Powell.

Will Be Captured Dead or Alive. DES MOINES, Ia., April 16.—The Peru bank wrecker, Davies, who escaped from Wintersett jail Wednesday, is surrounded by the sheriff's posse, six miles north of that place. He will be captured dead or alive.

Died Together. LOCKHAVEN, Pa., April 16.—Michael and Andrew Alynsik, brothers, were killed in the mines of the Kettle Creek Coal Co. at Bitumine, this county, Wednesday by a fall of coal.

Picked Up in London Streets.

PORTLAND, Me., April 16.—One hundred and forty-six street waifs from London arrived here on the steamer Scotsman Wednesday en route to Bernard's home in Canada.

The Clevelands Defeat the Quincys. QUINCY, Ill., April 16.—The Cleve ands defeated Quincy Wednesday by a

A cream of tartar Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St. N.Y

BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN.

The Republican State Central Committee Elect Charles L. Kurtz to the Position. COLUMBUS, O., April 16 .- The republican state central committee Wednesday elected Charles L. Kurtz executive chairman of the campaign, W. S. Matthews, secretary, and George W. Sinks, treasurer. The following is the full committee membership, one member coming from each congressional dis-

First, Fred Bader; Second, John A. Caldwell; Third, J. E. Lowes; Fourth, Chas. Halfhill; Fifth, A. B. Holcomb Sixth, D. Q. Morrow; Seventh, C. L. Grace; Eighth, —; Ninth, C. P. Griffith; Tenth, —; Eleventh, F. A. Kelley; Twelfth, C. D. Firestone; Thirteenth, C. M. Keys; Fourteenth, L. C. Laytin; Fifteenth, W. D. Guilbert; Sixteenth, H. J. Eckley; Seventeenth, Geo. Adams; Eighteenth, L. W. King; Nine teenth, A. E. Sealon; Twentieth, W. J White, and Twenty-first, R. E. McKis-

The choice of chairman was made by the committee in the face of the protest of Chas. Kinney, who, as candidate for secretary of state, leads the ticket, and claiming the right to select the committee by precedent, asked the selection of George P. Waldorf, of Toledo The trouble grows out of the fact that Kinney is a McKinley faction man while the Foraker faction controls the state central committee. Kinney will probably organize a committee of his own and ignore that one selected Wed-

THE LEGISLATURE.

Deaf and Dumb Persons Confined in In-firmaries to Be Transferred to the New Home-The Cincinnati Water Works Bill. COLUMBUS, O., April 16 .- The house Thursday morning passed Mr. Brorein's bill providing that all deaf and dumb persons confined in the infirmaries of the state shall be transferred to the new home for the deaf established in Central college, and that the counties capita what the inmates would have cost in the infirmaries.

Mr. Wiley's bill providing that the laws regulating the location of ceme teries in or near cities shall apply to smaller towns was passed by the house

The Pluemer bill, making Saturday afternoon a half holiday, passed the house Thursday morning with an amendment providing that commercial paper may be protested up to noon on Saturday. This amendment will be concurred in by the senate and the measure will be a law.

The Cincinnati water works bills came up in the senate Thursday morn ing at 11 o'clock, being delayed for other special orders. The first bill taken up was that which provides for the diverting of water rents to the payment of the bonds to be issued to pay for the new plant. Some verbal amendments were made, changing errors of wording, and the bill was passed by unanimous vote.

The Governor's Mansion. COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—The house taxation committee has decided to rec-

ommend for passage Senator Fleischmann's bill providing for the erection of a governor's mansion at a cost not t exceed \$120,000. With the strength of sentiment in favor of the measure the house, it is believed that the bill will pass and be made into a law.

Tarred and Feathered.

ALLIANCE, O., April 16.—At Damas-cus, a Quaker village near here, a mot of masked men Wednesday night called Wm. Irey from the home of Mrs. Geo. Enlett, with whom he had been living, and tarred and feathered him. They turned him loose and threatened to hang him if he did not leave the vil-

ASHTABULA, O., April 16.-While the canvas of Main's large circus tent was being taken down at Geneva one of the large poles fell, striking a convasman on the back of the head and killing him almost instantly. His name is unknown.

for the manufacture of nitroglycerine at the Janton Soap works exploded Wednesday, seriously burning and per-haps blinding two men—Henry Derille, of Chicago, and Frank Bouger, the en-

wealthy Columbus grain dealer, Thurs-

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

B. & O. S.W.

DEPART—6:00 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 2:00 pm 4:55 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 11:25 p. m.

ARRIVE—8:06 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 12:25, p. m., 4:35 p. m., 6:40, p. m., 8:55 p. m. LEAVE. T. & O. C. Ex. 2:5 p. m., 9:00, 4:00 a.m ARRIVE. 12:20, 7: 1 m. 7:5a m



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STAR CLOTHING HOUSE

WANT POSITIONS.

List of Applicants Filed With the New Administration of the State Priso COLUMBUS, O., April 16 .- The list of applicants for positions above the rank of guard in the new administration of the state prison was given out Thursday. From Hamilton county, in addition to Mrs. Armstrong, who has already been made matron, there are the following applicants: For Chaplain-D. J. Starr and G. H.

Carpenter. For Assistant Matron-Margaret Gal-

For Storekeeper-J. C. Banks. The board adjourned Thursday afternoon, but will reassemble the 28th.

Mysterious Fate of a Veteran.

SANDUSKY, O., April 16.—Tuesday night the body of John Moran, an inmate of the state soldiers' home, was found in front of a saloon in the out-skirts of the city. The skull was frac-tured in several places. The saloonist claimed that Moran fell downstairs, but the authorities say the injuries could not be from such a cause. They will investigate. Moran was admitted from Hamilton county.

Republican Delegates-at-Large From No

Омана, Neb., April 16.—The republican state convention Wednesday se-lected as delegates-at-large the follow-ing: Peter Jansen, of Fairbury; T. B. Kennard, of Lincoln, and John L. Webster, of Omaha. They are instructed to vote for McKinley first, last, and all the time.

On the Trail of Murderer George Taylor. BOGARD, Mo., April 16.—A fresh trail of George Taylor, the escaped, murderer, was found here. In a ravine near the farm of David Minnis, an uncle of the Taylors, a bed of straw was found and on it a coat once worn by George Taylor. A' posse with bloodhounds have taken the trail.

British Troops for the Soudan. London, April 16.—The Daily News Thursday publishes a statement on what it claims to be good authority that the government will send 10,000 British troops to the Soudan in the au-tumn for the purpose of reconquering that territory.

Congressman Pearson Renominated.

ASHRVILLE, N. C., April 16.—The Ninth district republican convention held here Wednesday renominated Richmond Pearson for congress; elected delegates to the St. Louis convention, re-affirmed the Minneapolis platform and endorsed McKinley for presi-

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MARIETTA, OHIO.

Canvasman Killed.

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.-A tank use

COLUMBUS, O., April 10.—Senator George Falloon, who is an Athens manufacturer, will wed Miss Carrie McCord, daughter of L. J. McCord, 8